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The stage manager said to me, "I see you bill your act on the program as, 'K. K. K.' What does that stand for, the Ku Klux Klan, or a radio station?"

I said, "No, Klean Kut Komedey."

He said, "I guess you are a good speller."

I said, "You bet I am. I always keep my audience in a 'spell.'"

Then he got sore and replied, "I thought there must be something wrong because they never laugh at your jokes."

He makes me laugh. He calls himself a stage manager. Trying to boss a lot of women and chorus girls, and he can't manage his wife.

It's a lucky thing for him his wife is blind.

Otherwise he wouldn't have one.

You wouldn't think to look at me that I'm married—would you?

(Aside to woman in one of the front seats.)

No, married life didn't raise that. (Touches imaginary bump on forehead.)

That's my bump of curiosity.

I would make a good stage manager.

I've got my wife working for me.

She's not a dope fiend, but nevertheless she's a drug addict.

That is to say, she cannot give up working in the drug store.

At least not until we pay off the mortgage on the house.

When I first met her she was working in a sporting goods store.

She sold the fishing tackle.

The first time she tried to hook me I jumped on the scales and got away.

She thinks Babe Ruth is a Mason.

So I asked her, "Why?"

She said, "Because the papers say he's an Eastern Star."

They say Lardner is going to feature Ruth as the Boob in his baseball stories.

I'll bet Babe would like to (W) Ring Lardner's neck.

You know folks, Dr. Einstein is right in his theory that everything is relative.

Even married life is.

As soon as we were married my wife had all her relatives come and live with us.

Finally I told her old maid sister that she would have to rustle for herself.

She asked me where I thought she ought to work.

I suggested the Diamond Match Factory, because it is a wonderful place for making matches.

One day they told my wife that the old maid was in an explosion at the factory, and that they picked up an arm here and her apron in the yard, and her bustle on the roof and her switch in the basement. Oh they had a busy time getting her together.

My wife said, "That's Mabel all over."

They're all funny like that.

Her brother Tom wanted to work for 'Huyler's' as a soda jerker. So he asked me if I thought he would have to take a course in a Barber College so that he could learn to shave the ice.

But the worst he ever pulled was when we were down south.

I introduced him to Mr. Durham, you know—Bull Durham—who took us out to see his large tobacco fields.

And he said, "Would you mind if I picked myself a ripe cigarette?"

When I was courting my wife, he made me believe that I was the only one that had ever kissed her.

But when she came marching down the aisle, the organ played, 'Oh, What A Pal Was Mary.'

Well, boys, I have noticed that women's long skirts are destined to SWEEP the country again.

I see by the papers that Ingersoll, the guy that made the dollar famous, just left for Egypt to sell Tut's discoverers a Big Ben so they can wake his royal nibs—Tut Ankh Amen—on time.

But I think they want to keep that stiff old mummy, so that the Victrola Company can't sign him up for a record.

Confidentially, I heard that the Motion Picture Producers are ready to offer Tut a handsome contract to appear in the silent drama.

They think he has had sufficient experience.

They are going to call the picture the 'SILENT TOMB.'

I think Tut wishes the excavators would evacuate.

No doubt his name was Hank.

But in coming down through the ages the spelling got twisted so that the 'H' is on the wrong end now.

Probably some Irving Cobb of some 3000 years ago tagged him with the 'Tut', because the old king was in the habit of saying 'Tut-Tut,' whenever twenty or thirty of his wives would get to arguing as to who would put his slippers on, after he had had an unlucky day at the chariot races.

And I guess he would say, "Amen," when they were all tucked in bed.

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